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NORMAN C. HELFER NAMED MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT REPORTER OF DECISIONS

LANSING, MI, October 17, 2002 -- Norman C. Helfer, a long-time employee of the Michigan Supreme Court, was recently appointed Reporter of Decisions, the Michigan Supreme Court announced today. He succeeds William F. Haggerty, who retired last month after 17 years as Reporter of Decisions.

"We are glad to have someone of Norman's experience in this position," said Chief Justice Maura D. Corrigan. "With over 20 years' experience working in the Reporter of Decisions office, he thoroughly understands the demands and challenges of the job."

The Reporter of Decisions is responsible for editing and publishing decisions of the Michigan Supreme Court and Michigan Court of Appeals. The Reporter of Decisions also publishes Michigan court rules, rules of evidence, and Supreme Court administrative orders.

Helfer joined the Reporter of Decisions office in 1980, beginning as a legal editor. He later became senior legal editor, then Deputy Reporter of Decisions.

Helfer's undergraduate degree is from Eastern Michigan University, where he majored in English Language and Literature. He received his law degree from Detroit College of Law in 1981.

Helfer and his wife, Sandy, reside in Holt.